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2. //CHILE: PRESIDENT PINOCHET IS PREPARING TO MAKE THE FIRST CHANGE IN THE RULING JUNTA. THERE ALSO ARE INDICATIONS THAT HE IS CONSIDERING WAYS TO ENSURE THE ARMY'S PREEMINENT POSITION IN THE GOVERNMENT.//

//ADMIRAL MERINO, PINOCHET'S DESIGNATED SUCCESSOR UNDER EXISTING STATUTES, APPARENTLY INTENDS TO RESIGN BECAUSE OF POOR HEALTH. MERINO0 [REDACTED] SUFFERED A HEART ATTACK IN MID-FEBRUARY AND HAS BEEN ON EXTENDED LEAVE. [REDACTED] FOREIGN MINISTER ADMIRAL CARVAJAL WILL BE NAMED MERINO'S SUCCESSOR ON THE FOUR-MAN JUNTA.

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//CARVAJAL'S APPOINTMENT WOULD NOT CHANGE THE NAVY'S CONSERVATIVE VOICE IN THE RULING BODY, AND HIS CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH PINOCHET WOULD PROBABLY FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE LATTER'S HAND. THE NAVY HAS BEEN DISSATISFIED WITH MERINO'S FAILURE TO COMMUNICATE ITS OPINIONS AND CONCERNS TO THE PRESIDENT, AND CARVAJAL IS EXPECTED TO FACILITATE SMOOTHER RELATIONS.//

//BOTH NAVY AND AIR FORCE OFFICERS HAVE BEEN DISGRUNTLED BY THE DECLINING INFLUENCE OF THEIR SERVICES, BUT NEITHER HAS BEEN WILLING TO RISK THE UNITY OF THE ARMED FORCES TO KEEP PINOCHET FROM GAINING MORE POWER.//

//MERINO'S DEPARTURE WOULD ELEVATE THE AIR FORCE'S JUNTA MEMBER, GENERAL LEIGH--A FREQUENT CRITIC OF PINOCHET'S POLICIES--TO THE SENIOR POSITION, MAKING HIM NEXT IN LINE TO HEAD THE JUNTA. THIS PROSPECT WOULD MAKE PINOCHET EVEN MORE DISSATISFIED WITH THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF ROTATING THE PRESIDENCY TO THE SENIOR MEMBER, WHICH AT LEAST IN THEORY WOULD STRIP THE ARMY OF ITS DOMINANT ROLE IN THE EVENT OF HIS INCAPACITATION.//

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//TO AVOID ANY SUCH POSSIBILITY, PINOCHET WILL PROBABLY TRY TO CHANGE THE PRESENT PROVISIONS. HE MIGHT EVEN ATTEMPT TO DISPENSE WITH THE CUMBERSOME JUNTA STRUCTURE ALTOGETHER. THE MAJOR CONSTRAINT IN TAKING THIS STEP NOW WOULD BE FEAR THAT IT WOULD RAISE NEW CRITICISM AT HOME AND ABROAD THAT PINOCHET IS BENT ON ESTABLISHING A PERSONAL DICTATORSHIP.